

September 15, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: United States Cellular Corporation

Re: WT Docket No. 10-208

WC Docket No. 10-90 WT Docket No. 10-112 AU Docket No. 17-182 GN Docket No. 12-354

RM-11788 RM-11789

GN Docket No. 17-183

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, we hereby provide you with notice of an oral ex parte presentation in connection with the above-captioned proceedings. On September 13, 2017, Ken Meyers, President & CEO of U.S. Cellular and the undersigned met with Commissioner Brendan Carr and Kevin Holmes of the Commissioner's staff. During the course of the discussion, we engaged in the following advocacy.

## **Mobility Fund II**

We expressed support for the one-time data collection process recently adopted by the Commission and look forward to reviewing the results once compiled by the Commission. We expressed our ongoing concerns regarding the need for additional funding to close the digital divide in rural America and expressed support for efforts to provide additional funding beyond the amounts provided in Mobility Fund II.

## CAF 2

We stressed our disappointment with the speed tier weightings adopted by the Commission in its prior order and discussed the inherent disadvantages placed on wireless carriers by such a weighting system. We also highlighted our ongoing concerns regarding the potential for the use of statewide package bidding in conjunction with the CAF2 auction. We indicated an intent to file comments in the proceeding in opposition to the use of statewide package bidding.

## 3.5 GHz Proceeding

We expressed support for the pending petitions of CTIA and T-Mobile and urged the Commission to support efforts to revisit the previously adopted provisions including license terms, power levels and license area sizes consistent with our recently filed comments in the proceeding.

## **Mid-Band Spectrum NOI**

We expressed concerns regarding the potential negative impact on existing microwave operations of U.S. Cellular in the 6 GHz proceeding and urged the Commission to ensure that any changes to the 6 GHz license structure be adopted only after adequate protections are included to protect existing operations from interference or disruption.

Sincerely,

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